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UM STUDENT FROM MECHANICSBURG WINS ESSAY CONTEST

MISSOULA--

A University of Montana student from **Mechanicsburg**, Penn., won the Wallace Stegner essay contest sponsored by Gallatin Writers and the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment. Both groups are dedicated to finding creative solutions for environmental and economic problems in the western states.

Emily Goodling, a graduate student in resource conservation at UM's School of Forestry, won the \$1,500 first place prize with an essay that considered demographic, cultural and economic changes on the Northern Plains.

The purpose of the contest was to explore the future of rural areas of the plains states and prairie provinces of North America, which are experiencing a serious population exodus. Yellowstone Public Radio will host a program highlighting the contest winners' ideas.

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